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SUBJECT: SHAIKH ZAYID DISCUSSES AREA STABILITY, PDRY, AND OIL

1. SUMMARY: IN CONVERSATION WITH VISITING DEPASSTSECY SOBER AND AMBASSADOR SEPT. 19, SHAIKH ZAYID EMPHASIZED HIS POLICY OF STRENGTHENING STABILITY IN ARABIAN PENINSULA AND GULF, AND SEVERAL TIMES INVITED COOPERATION WITH US IN THIS ENDEAVOR. HE INDICATED UAE INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR CURRENT ARAB EFFORT TO LEAN PDRY TOWARD MORE MODERATE POLICIES. ON OIL PRICES, SHAIKH ZAYID SAID SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND WHICH PROTECTED INTERESTS OF CONSUMER AS WELL AS PRODUCER, AND NOTED THIS SHOULD INCLUDE FACTOR
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OF RAPIDLY RISING COSTS OF IMPORTED GOODS FOR PRODUCERS,

AS WELL AS "MIDDLEMAN" PROFITS. END SUMMARY

2. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECY OF STATE SOBER AND AMBASSADOR WERE RECEIVED BY SHAIKH ZAYID FOR NEARLY TWO HOURS LATE EVENING SEPTEMBER 19. ALSO PRESENT WERE ZAYID'S OLDEST SON SHAIKH KHALIFA, FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI, AND MINISTER OF STATE FORECONOMIC AFFAIRS HABROUSH. SHAIKH ZAYID WAS IN RELAXED AND COMMUNICATIVE MOOD AND OBVIOUSLY WANTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOBER VISIT FOR THOROUGH-GOING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

3. SOBER BEGAN BY COMPLIMENTING SHAIKH ZAYID ON STATESMANSHIP HE HAS SHOWN IN SEEKING TO ENHANCE STABILITY IN ARABIAN PENINSULA, AND PARTICULARLY FOR HIS PART IN BRINGING ABOUT RECENT AGREEMENT WITH SAUDI ARABIA. ZAYID EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND MADE EXTENDED COMMENT ON NEED FOR COOPERATION AMONG AREA STATES TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY FOR ALL. HE SAID THIS WAS ONE OF HIS MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES AND HE WANTED TO COOPERATE WITH US TOWARD IT. HE HOPED FOR ACTIVE AND CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH US ON THIS SUBJECT. ANYTIME WE FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR UAE TO BE DOING SOMETHING, HE HOPED WE WOULD BRING IT TO HIS ATTENTION. HIS MAIN EFFORTS IN THIS RESPECT WERE NATURALLY ON THE ARAB SIDE OF GULF BUT HE ALSO RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN GULF ARAB STATES AND IRAN. IRAN WAS ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF ANY EFFORT TO PUT LONG-TERM SECURITY OF GULF ON FIRM FOOTING. SHAIKH ZAYID SAID THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO IRAQ HE HAD BEEN FRANK WITH IRAQIS IN TELLING THEM THAT UAE NEEDED GOOD RELATIONS WITH IRAN. SOBER SAID HE WARMLY WELCOMED THESE COMMENTS, WHICH WERE PARALLEL WITH US VIEWS ON SUBJECT. USG RECIPROCATED DESIRE TO

EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH UAE AS TO PRACTICAL STEPS TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE,

4. SOBER SAID THAT WASHINGTON ALSO WELCOMED STEPS UAE HAD TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION IN THE YEMENS. HE NOTED SALIM RUBAYYI TRIP TO CAIRO, AND HE UNDERSTOOD THAT BOTH SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE WERE PREPARED TO OFFER FINANCIAL ASSIST-
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ANCE TO SOUTH YEMEN. SHAIKH ZAYID CONFIRMED THIS, MENTIONING TEN MILLION DOLLARS AS UAE CONTRIBUTION AND FORTY MILLION DOLLARS FROM SAUDIS. SOBER ASKED SHAIKH ZAYID FOR HIS ESTIMATE OF WHAT THE PROSPECTS MIGHT BE FOR A CHANGE IN PDRY POLICIES. ZAYID REPLIED THAT PDRY GOVERNMENT WAS OBVIOUSLY DIVIDED INTO TWO CAMPS, ONE COMPOSED OF MODERATES AND THE OTHER OF HARDLINE EXTREMISTS. THERE WAS LITTLE QUESTION THAT RUBAYYI ALI HIMSELF WAS MODERATE PERSUASION,

BUT ZAYID WONDERED WHETHER ALI COULD BRING REST OF GOVERNMENT ALONG WITH HIM. SHAIKH ZAYID ASKED FOR USG ASSESSMENT. SOBER SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN COMMENT MADE BY SAUDI DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MASOUD WHO HAD ALSO RECOGNIZED RUBAYYI'S UNCERTAIN POSITION BUT FELT THAT IF ARABS WANTED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT SITUATION SOME RISKS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN. SOBER ASKED WHETHER TERMS UNDER WHICH PDRY WOULD BE ASSISTED FINANCIALLY WERE STILL BEING DISCUSSED OR WHETHER THIS HAD ALREADY BEEN SETTLED. SHAIKH ZAYID SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE CONTINUING, BUT UAE HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ASSIST FINANCIALLY. SOBER SAID HE WISHED ALSO TO PASS ON TO SHAIKH ZAYID COMMENT MADE ON THIS SUBJECT BY SULTAN QABOUS, WHOM HE HAD SEEN EARLIER THAT DAY. QABOUS SAID THAT IN EXTENDING ANY ASSISTANCE TO PDRY HE HOPED ARAB DONORS WOULD MAKE SURE PDRY AGREES TO STOP MAKING TROUBLE IN DHOFAR. SHAIKH ZAYID SAID UAE-SAUDI ROLE WAS REALLY LIMITED TO PROVIDING MONEY AND WHOLE QUESTION OF POLITICAL TERMS UNDER WHICH IT WOULD BE PROVIDED WOULD BE LEFT FOR CAIRO TO HANDLE.

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